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Early week prices were unchanged. Throughout the week in most locations prices were unchanged to lower. The trade sentiment was generally weak. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample for trade needs. In most areas transportation and schedules are returning to normal this week. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were lower. Trading and demand moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Offers include graded product and some breakers offering excess shell eggs. Finished product demand remains lackluster. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak. Light type hens were sufficient for reduced requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	122-131	117-128	85-87
New York	88-90	85-88	74-77
Philadelphia	86-104	84-102	73-83
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	96-97	94.5-96	77-78
Jackson (1)	104-105	103-104	86-87
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	99-114	98-112	79-93
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	82-87	81-86	66-71
Detroit (2)	89-92	88-91	68-71
Major Ohio Cities (2)	90-96	89-94	69-75
Major Wisconsin Cities	93-100	91-98	72-79
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	107-110	104-106	85-87
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	131	123	107
(1) - Prices reported weekly (2) - Delivered Warehouse (3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Dec-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	104.26	101.89	83.94
SOUTHERN	99.29	97.58	78.45
MIDWEST	93.25	92.00	72.78
WESTERN	122.98	117.36	100.73
TWELVE METRO AREAS	108.06	104.82	86.96

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO
PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES
EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	01-02-01	12-26-00	01-04-00
Large	71-73	71-73	50-52
Medium	51-53	51-53	32-34

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Jan 01,2001
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.1	21.3	6.8	17.2	8.4
	Change	-1.6	2.0	2.2	4.7	-0.1
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.1	42.0	10.8	24.3	19.7
	Change	2.1	12.6	2.8	2.9	0.1
Large	Curr Wk	27.6	98.1	49.8	70.5	86.9
	Change	2.3	23.3	8.3	18.1	17.3
Medium	Curr Wk	9.5	26.6	12.9	18.4	22.9
	Change	-1.9	0.4	3.1	3.3	5.1
Small	Curr Wk	2.4	6.8	3.1	6.7	3.3
	Change	-0.2	1.4	1.6	1.5	0.5
Misc	Curr Wk	5.6	21.4	8.2	15.1	5.8
	Change	-3.0	3.4	-0.8	-4.2	1.1
Ungraded	Curr Wk	33.8	49.1	19.0	23.7	40.1
	Change	12.6	8.0	-1.7	4.6	6.6
Total	Curr Wk	104.1	265.3	110.6	175.9	187.1
Percent	Change	11%	24%	16%	21%	20%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	843.0	20%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	397.9	11%	39

Total Shell Egg 1240.9 17% 210
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

The five inventory areas are identified as:

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 30-Dec-00

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	920,636	22,790	8,274	4,345	1,858	3,252
PW	1,003,656	23,885	9,131	5,146	2,167	3,713
LY	1,034,477	23,017	10,421	5,618	2,587	3,507
% PW	-8	-5	-9	-16	-14	-12
% LY	-11	-1	-21	-23	-28	-7
2000	60,114,570	1,374,899	622,630	320,766	140,973	202,048
1999	58,330,269	1,340,453	558,376	307,626	133,719	186,321

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -
CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST
WEEK WEEK YEAR
 41.99 41.72 41.14

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 30-Dec-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	228.8	-3	-2
E.N. CENTRAL	513.0	-4	4
W.N. CENTRAL	261.1	0	4
S. ATLANTIC	207.0	-7	-4
S. CENTRAL	78.5	-1	7
WEST	216.2	-5	3
TOTAL	1504.6	-4	2

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING

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STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	Dec 23	Dec 30	Dec 23	Dec 30
	Thousand			
AL	*27,923	27,849	*21,582	19,764
AR	*29,348	27,110	*23,229	21,307
DE	*4,098	3,962	*4,574	5,135
FL	2,447	2,433	*2,118	2,486
GA	*31,389	30,670	*24,775	24,319
MD	*8,400	8,388	*5,774	4,876
MS	*18,188	17,875	*14,994	15,167
NC	18,199	18,050	14,376	13,270
PA	*3,675	3,522	*2,707	2,557
SC	4,749	4,667	3,961	3,957
TX	14,478	14,519	11,362	11,648
VA	*6,263	6,369	*5,146	4,946
CA, TN, & WV	*11,252	11,043	*9,461	9,375
15 State Total	*180,409	176,457	*144,059	138,807
Previous Year	180,335	181,480	143,292	144,382
Pct. of Prev.	100	97	101	96

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 10-Feb-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 146.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 152.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 162.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 54.69 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-

WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 12/28-01/03/01

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	71.79	77.00	—	73.60	—	—	37.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL W XL	—	67.00	77.50	74.73	63.67	—	34.50
GL W LG	—	—	83.00	70.79	60.11	—	29.50
GL W MD	—	—	58.40	63.00	44.96	—	15.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	32.79	35.90	42.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 30-Dec-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	26.4	34.9	-24	-2
BOSTON	3.8	3.7	3	9
CHICAGO	60.3	68.2	-12	-4
DETROIT	33.6	34.5	-3	2
KANSAS CITY	7.0	4.4	59	79
LOS ANGELES	114.2	122.7	-7	15
NEW ORLEANS	9.5	10.3	-8	-23
NEW YORK	33.6	38.6	-13	-7
ST. LOUIS	12.8	18.7	-32	-19
SAN FRANCISCO	23.0	28.7	-20	0
TOTAL	324.2	364.7	-11	2
4 WK MVG AVG	331.6			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 30-Dec-2000

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	993	1,585	13	11	2,602
AVG WT	15.35	36.40	24.13	32.29	28.29
LAST WEEK	1,989	2,660	57	20	4,726
SAME WK YR AGO	5,103 (A)		34	30	5,167
AVG WT	27.08 (A)		24.91	26.87	27.06
TO-DATE/2000	252,691 (A)		1,827	1,276	255,794
TO-DATE/1999	251,097 (A)		795	1,946	253,838

(A) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 30-Dec-2000

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	% CHG	AVG	RSTR	BANDED		AVG
	HEAD	PW	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---			WT
N EAST	416	-50	23.06	(A)	(A)	418	23.06
S ATL	354	-60	30.97	(A)	(A)	356	30.97
N CENT	1,116	-40	32.17	(A)	(A)	1,119	32.17
S CENT	288	-45	24.45	(A)	(A)	290	24.45
WEST	417	-31	23.36	(A)	(A)	419	23.36
U.S.TOTAL	2,591(B)-45		28.27	0	11	2,602	28.27
TO DATE							
2000	254,352(B)			166	1,276	255,794	
TO DATE							
1999	251,837(B)			55	1,946	253,838	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 13,000; for the year 1,827,000; last year to date 795,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 30-Dec-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	116,494(A)	1,359	719	2,078	383
AVG WT	4.87	3.99	8.19	5.44	6.69
LAST WEEK	148,274	1,364	1,176	2,540	545
YR AGO	127,584	1,596	980	2,576	333
AVG WT	4.89	3.42	6.98	4.77	6.65
TO-DATE/2000	7,936,807	97,001	73,682	170,683	23,579
TO-DATE/1999	7,786,836	106,770	73,747	180,517	22,898

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 137.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 117.9 million head or 19.2 million head less than or 86 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Jan-01

	CURRENT WEEK 01/06/01(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/30/00
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	128,312(2)	124,115
LT HENS	1,478	1,318
HVY HENS	1,174	745
TOTAL	130,964	126,178

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Jan-01 is 139.4 million head compared to 157.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 128.6 million head or 10.8 million less than estimated available. For week of 13-Jan-01 the estimated available is 147.6 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED**FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
NOVEMBER 25	112.9	143.2	79	5.20
DECEMBER 2	148.1	145.6	102	4.93
9	153.6	148.2	104	5.17
16	150.3	146.1	103	5.18
23	150.1	141.3	106	5.14
30	117.9	137.1	86	4.87
YEAR TO DATE	8035.6	7907.8	102	
JANUARY 6		139.4		
13		147.6		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES**FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from			
01-Jan-01	25-Dec-00	25-Dec-00	03-Jan-00	
57.17	0.96	56.21	58.06	

NUMBER OF LOADS 590

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 01/01-01/06/01.

	U.S. GRADE A	COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	49.00-53.00	51.30	41	53.89
Los Angeles	66.00	63.43	69	61.27
New York	48.00-50.00	49.29	28	53.48

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	60-61	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	60-61	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 1-Jan-01	4,221	68,786	74,663
AM 1-Dec-00	4,435	71,624	75,849
CHG	-214	-2838	-1186
PCT CHG	-5	-4	-2

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of November 30, 2000 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on January 01, 2001 are:

FROZEN EGGS	15	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.02 PCT
TURKS	249	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.97 PCT
POP	749	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.99 PCT

HEN MARKETS

Final Price, Cents Per LB., Generally for slaughter the week of.

	HEAVY TYPE		
01/01/01	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	4-9.75(1)	5.5-8	6.62
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	5-10.5(1)	6-8	7.41

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

12/29/00	LIGHT TYPE
Eastern	0-0(1)
Eastern	0-0 (2)
So. Central	TFEWR(2)
No. Central	TFEWR(1)
No. Central	0-.25(2)

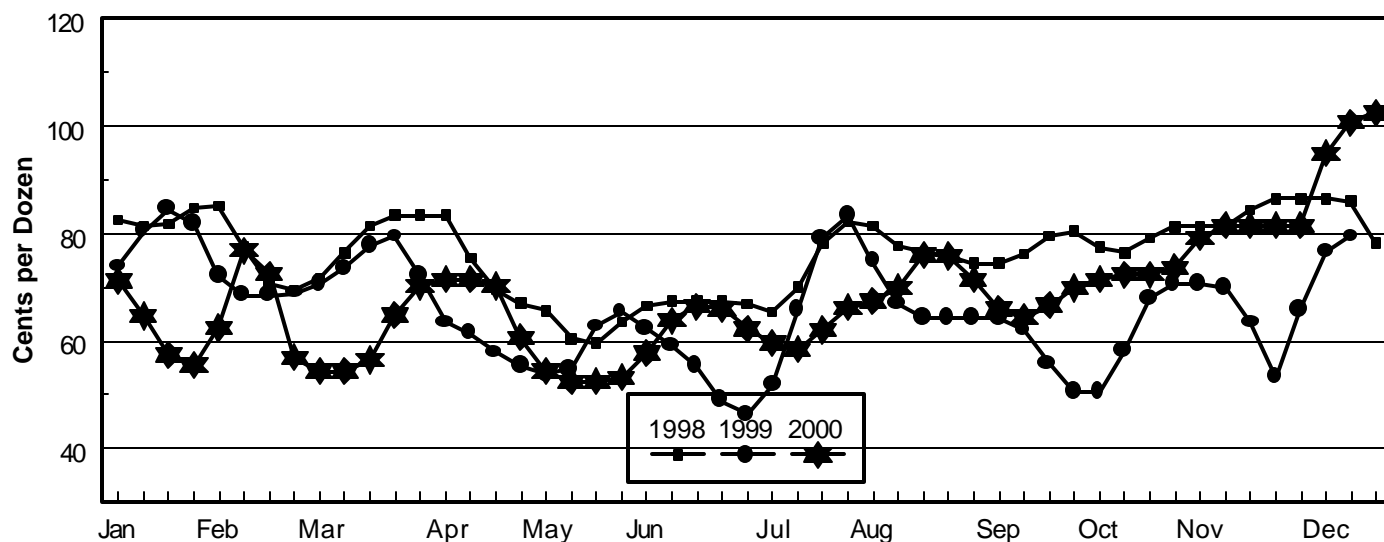
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading

(2) At Farm Producer Loading

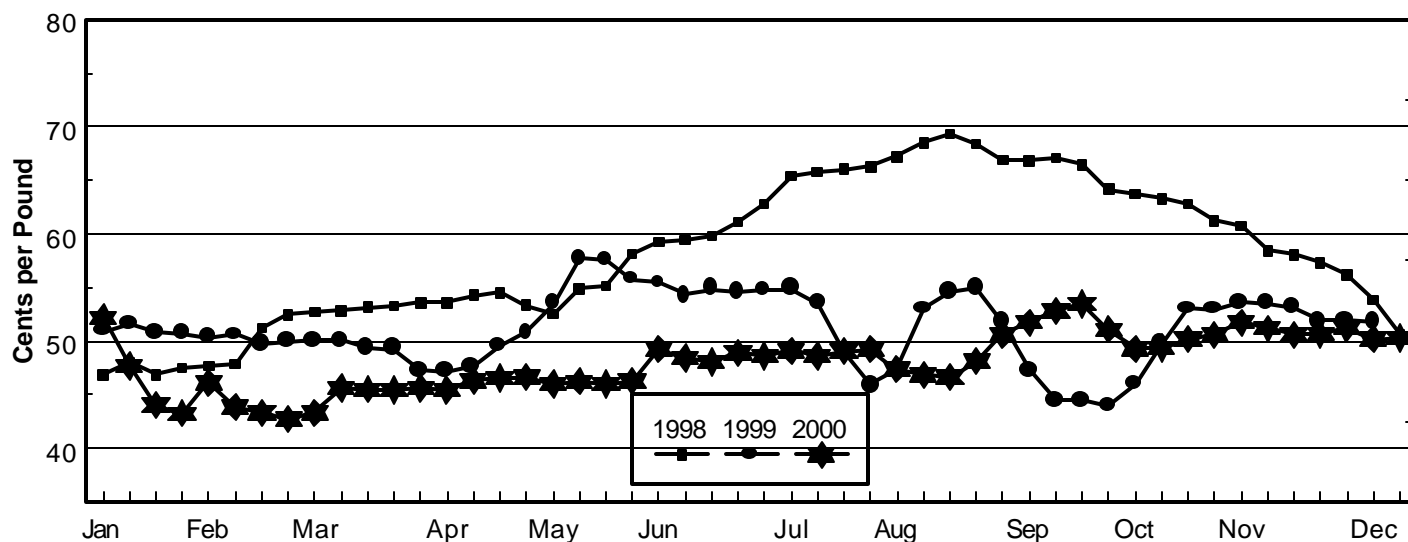
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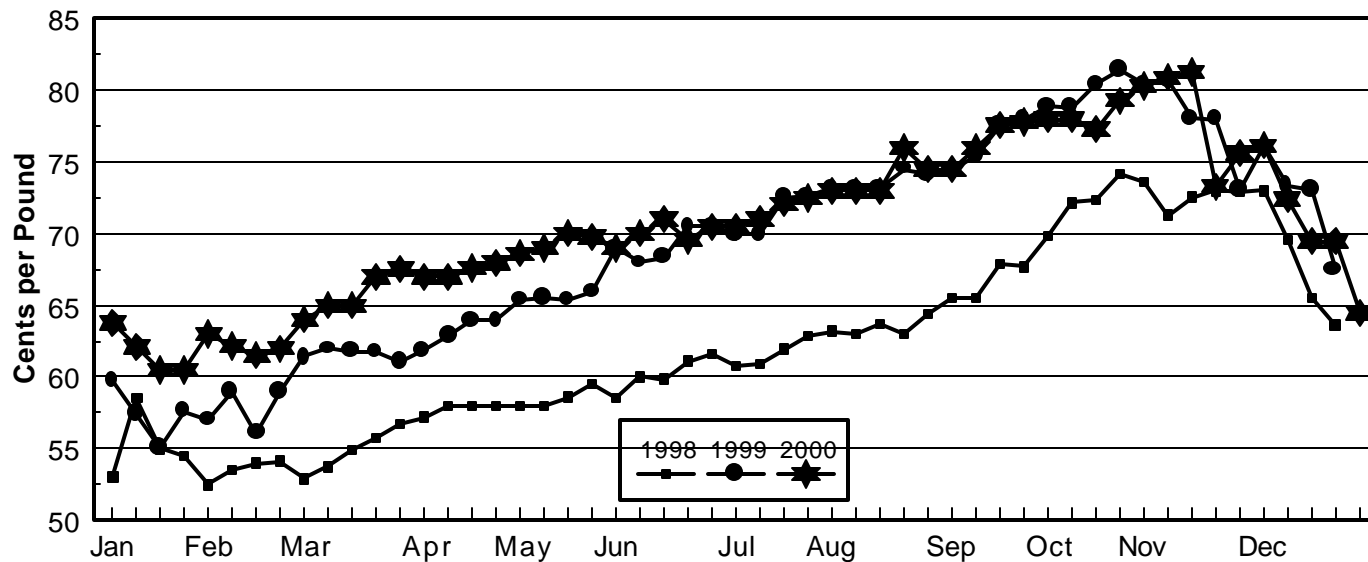
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1998, 1999, 2000



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1998, 1999, 2000



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.